📜 PROCLAMATION OF RIGHTS AND LEGAL STANDING
Kalapula Nation – Willamette Valley, Oregon

We, the Kalapula Nation — a sovereign Indigenous people of the Willamette Valley — hereby proclaim our full and active protection under U.S. law, Oregon law, and all universal legal frameworks protecting cultural survival, nonprofit work, and sovereign expression.

I. 🇺🇸 UNITED STATES PROTECTIONS

As lawful residents and sovereign participants within the United States, we are protected by:

• 1st Amendment (U.S. Constitution)
– Freedom of speech, religion, association, press, and assembly

• Title 42, U.S. Code § 1981
– Right to make and enforce contracts “as is enjoyed by white citizens”

• Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
– Prohibition of discrimination in any program receiving federal funds

• Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)
– Right to protect ancestral remains, ceremonies, and sacred lands

• American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA)
– Federal guarantee of access to sacred sites, ceremonial practice, and spiritual freedom

II. 🏛️ OREGON STATE PROTECTIONS

As a registered Oregon nonprofit and Indigenous cultural movement, we are protected by:

• ORS Chapter 65 – Nonprofit Corporation Law
– Legal right to operate, archive, publish, and assemble

• ORS § 97.740–760 – Indigenous burial and sacred site protections
– Prohibits disturbance of Native cultural heritage areas

• ORS § 181A.820 – Anti-discrimination in law enforcement
– Prohibits profiling by race, religion, or national origin

• Oregon Public Records Law
– Our filings and documents must be treated with equal dignity

III. 🌎 INTERNATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL RIGHTS

As a sovereign cultural entity, we are aligned with and protected under:

• UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
– Right to self-determination, language, memory, and land identity

• Universal Declaration of Human Rights
– Articles 18–20: Freedom of religion, expression, and peaceful assembly

• International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
– Right to protect culture and form sovereign associations

• Genocide Convention

– Attempted cultural erasure is prosecutable under international law

IV. 🛡️ WE CLAIM ALL RIGHTS

We claim, invoke, and stand under:

✅ All rights granted by the U.S. Constitution
✅ All rights preserved under Oregon law
✅ All rights protected by international and Indigenous frameworks
✅ All unenumerated rights retained by the people under the 9th Amendment

> We do not ask for these rights.
> We assert them.
> We carry them.
> And we will not surrender them.

With memory, reverence, and flame,
Chief Daniel Jacob Read IV
Sovereign of the Kalapula Nation

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